

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 8, 2018– 9:00 a.m.  
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a. m. by Chairperson Dr. Bradley Layfield.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Stan Waterman, Dr. Matthew Donovan, Gary Cimaglia, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Robert Cilento, Robert Watson, Mike Hart, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Mike Breeding, Bruce Harris, Leroy Mann, Jeremy Jeanne, Ted Laws, Vetra Evans-Gunter, and Michael Rodriguez. Thomas Neubauer, Executive Director, Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Terre Taylor and Tina Bates were also in attendance. Susanne Williams, Dr. Mervin Daugherty, Douglas Thompson, Dr. Evelyn Edney, and Dr. Bradley Bley were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Breeding made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously, 11 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, and Evans-Gunter) and 0 – no.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA January 18, 2018 Board Meetings

Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the January 18, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried by a vote of 10 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, and Evans-Gunter) and 0 – no, and 1 – abstention (Harris).

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Neubauer reported on the DIAA budget and commented that the income to date was a \$435, 176. Mr. Neubauer reported that the expenses to date were \$416, 214. Dr. Donovan made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Breeding and carried unanimously, 11 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, and Evans-Gunter) and 0 – no.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Neubauer reported that there are 15 sanctioned events before the Board for approval – Basketball: Battle By The Bay (2/2-4/18), Swimming: DISC Swim Meet (2/3/18), Bob Mattson Invitational (2/20/18), Indoor Track: 18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Sander Invitational (1/26/18), Wrestling: Canal Classic (1/19-20/18), DISC Wrestling (2/13/18), Softball: Mardela HS Softball Tournament (3/30/18), Outdoor Track: AI Relays (3/23/18), Seahawk Invitational (3/24/18), AI Invitational (3/29/18), Diamond State Relays (4/7/18), Caravel Invitational (4/14/18), Twi-Light Invitational (4/19/18), The Panther Challenge Twilight (4/19/18), 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Relays (4/27/18). Mr. Neubauer stated that to the best of his knowledge the 15 approved were in compliance with DIAA and NFHS regulations. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the sanctioned events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimaglia and carried unanimously, 11 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, and Evans-Gunter) and 0 – no.

B. Ratification of Interim Waiver

1. Request by Wilmington Christian to Waive 1009.2.4-2018-2-1

Dr. Donovan made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the content of documents excluded from the definition of “public record” under 29 Del. C. § 10002. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried unanimously by a vote of 12 –yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Bredding, and Evans-Gunter) and 0 – no.

Mr. Cilento made a motion to return to executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a vote of 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, and Jeanne) and 0 – no.

Mr. Laws made a motion to ratify the Executive Director’s decision to grant a waiver in DIAA 2018-2-1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Evans-Gunter and carried by a vote of 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, and Jeanne) and 0 – no.

C. Recommended changes to 1007.2.3 for approval to publish

Ms. Taylor explained that there were no actual changes to the regulation but that the change was to make the regulation easier to follow and more specific.

Dr. Fitzgerald questioned the number of sportsmanship issues and ejections. Dr. Fitzgerald also asked about seniors that receive ejections and how they serve their suspension. The responsibility of the schools and how they notify DIAA on Sportsmanship issues was also discussed.

Mr. Laws made a motion to table the recommended changes to 1007.2.3 and bring back with the suggested additions and corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimaglia and carried by a vote of 14 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Mann, and Jeanne) and 0 – no.

D. Approval of Regulation Changes to 1009.2.8 and 1008/1009.8.0

Mr. Neubauer reported that this was the second time these changes were presented and will go to the State Board of Education for approval next week. Dr. Layfield recommended a change in the title. Mr. Neubauer commented that no written comments were received. The Board discussed revising the title of Section 8.0 in both 1008 and 1009 to mirror the order of its subsections.

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve the changes with one amendment to the title of Section 8.0 in both regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimaglia and carried by a vote of 14 –yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Mann, and Jeanne) and 0 – no.

E. Request to expand Girls Lacrosse State Tournament and Tournament Manual Changes

Mr. Neubauer reported that he received a proposal from the girls lacrosse committee to propose expansion of their tournament from ten teams to twelve teams. Mr. Neubauer commented that the Committee feels the quality of play has improved to warrant expansion and that the footprint of the tournament would not change.

Mr. Breeding questioned what input the athletic directors have. Mr. Neubauer responded that the sport committees, coaches, and athletic directors all have input.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the proposal to expand the tournament field from ten teams to twelve teams for the upcoming lacrosse season. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan and carried by a vote of 14 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Mann, and Jeanne) and 0 – no.

### Change to Tournament Manual

Mr. Neubauer reported that the girls lacrosse committee would like to adopt the automatic standards to qualify for automatic berths.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried by a vote of 14 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Mann, and Jeanne) and 0 – no.

### F. Self-Report by Caesar Rodney High School

Dr. Fitzgerald recused himself from this matter.

Mr. Neubauer reported that he received a self-report violation to rule 1009.6.4.1.5 Open Gym from Caesar Rodney High School and the school reported that the coach involved was disciplined.

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to accept the self-report and the suspension given by the school. The motion was seconded by Ms. Evans-Gunter and carried by a vote of 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Mann, and Jeanne).

## IV. Follow Up to January Meeting Request

### A. Discussion of change to Regulation 1006.3.3

The Board held a lengthy discussion of the role and makeup of the Committees. They also discussed how people are appointed to Committees. A Committee will revisit the Committee charges and discuss possible changes at the March meeting.

## V. Board Discussion

### A. Request to allow Home Schooled Students to Participate.

Mr. Neubauer reported that he received a letter from a constituent with a request to change DIAA regulation. The Board discussed this matter.

### B. DIAA Budget

Mr. Neubauer reported that he asked the Department of Education

Business office for the procedure to expand the DIAA spending limit for fiscal year 2018. Mr. Neubauer commented that the budget for 2018 has already been set and would have to send a request to change the spending limit by the fall of 2018 for the following year.

VI. Executive Director Report

Mr. Neubauer reported that the DIAA Indoor Track and Field Tournament was held in Landover, Maryland on February 2, 2018. Mr. Neubauer reported that Padua and Salesianum took the title for first place.

Ms. Taylor presented a promotional plan involving digital ads for social media and website. Mr. Laws commented that he would like to see a mechanism where the schools could get more kids involved.

VII. Other Items for Discussion

Mr. Laws commented that the Board should work with member schools to get students involved in DIAA committees.

Mr. Jeanne reported that while attending the Blue Hen Conference Meeting the realignment was brought up and asked where this process was. Dr. Layfield suggested putting this item on the agenda for next month for discussion and then put it on the April agenda as an action item.

Mr. Waterman asked if there were any updates on the out-of-season coaching rule. Mr. Neubauer responded by saying

VIII. Public Comment

Eric Buckson was in attendance to present public comment. Mr. Buckson commented on the Transfer Rule and stated that he is not in favor of the current rule change. Mr. Buckson also commented that there should be representation by the private, charter, and vocational schools on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Rust was in attendance to present public comment. Mr. Rust explained that he has homeschooled children and would like homeschooled students to be able to participate in athletics.

IX. Adjournment

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Mr. Laws made a motion to adjourn at 12:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne and carried unanimously, 13 – yes (Waterman, Donovan, Laws, Harris, Cimaglia, Layfield, Cilento, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Mann, and Jeanne) and 0 no.

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Tina Bates